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Greatest Influx of Students
Passes Through Tilden's Portals

Entering students numbered 1400 as the new term at Tilden began on September 12. This is one of the largest groups ever to enter the school.

Of the 1400 new entrees, 360 are freshmen with the remaining 1040 coming in as sophomores. The entering freshmen and sophomores have come from Meyer Levin, Arthur S. Somers and Winthrop Junior High Schools and from the many elementary schools in this vicinity.

Mr. Albert Zahn, Administrative Assistant, informed *Tilden Topics* that the entire student body has increased by 150 students over last year's enrollment.

Twenty New Teachers

Along with the entering class came 20 new faculty members, most of whom have been day-to-day substitutes or newly appointed teachers. They are: Mrs. Spindell and Mr. Young of the Biology Department; Mrs. Natalie Israel, Mr. Riolin, Mrs. Rose Savitz, Mrs. Marcia Tobias of the English Department; Mrs. Jacobs of the library; Miss Adelaide Fateman of the Art Department; Mrs. Ethel Engelsohn, Miss Paula Lipkin, Mr.

Leder of the Spanish Department; Mrs. Carol Cohen of the Girls Health Education Department; Mr. Blackman, Mr. Harold Engelsohn, Mr. Morton Friedman of the Mathematics Department; Mr. Anatol Epstein, Mrs. Lydia Butcher, and Mr. Benjamin Jacobowitz of the Social Studies Department; Mrs. Levine, the school secretary.



A Freshie's View of Tilden

Leder of the Spanish Department; Mrs. Carol Cohen of the Girls Health Education Department; Mr. Blackman, Mr. Harold Engelsohn, Mr. Morton Friedman of the Mathematics Department; Mr. Anatol Epstein, Mrs. Lydia Butcher, and Mr. Benjamin Jacobowitz of the Social Studies Department; Mrs. Levine, the school secretary.

English Faculty Plans
Mythology As Elective

Tentative plans are being made by the English department to add the study of Mythology, to the curriculum as an elective. The subject matter of this course will be Mythology of the Greeks, Romans and Norse.

The decision to give this course was reached by the faculty and the English department and influenced by a feeling that a wider choice of subjects should be offered to the student. Upon being asked if the study of mythology was part of a trend toward the stressing of classical subjects, Mr. Blum, head of the English department, replied that this was not the case. It is being given because he feels that it is an interesting subject to be informed about.

Although this course is still in the planning stage, it promises to be stimulating.

Other electives now being offered by the English department are Creative Writing, Journalism and an advanced placement course in literature designed for superior students.

Third and fourth term students will be eligible to select this subject which is to be given in the spring term.

Aristonians Increase
Average for Entry

Mr. Gold, faculty advisor of Arista, has announced that he is contemplating raising the qualifying average for Tilden's Honor Society. This would constitute a one per cent hike over the present 88% needed.

In making the announcement, Mr. Gold explained that the school's constitution limited the membership of Arista to four percent of the student body. The number of new applicants may exceed that percentage.

The officers of Arista: Beverly Kerish, Girl Leader; Lewis Cooper-smith, Boy Leader; Susan Rosler, Secretary; David Goldfield, Treasurer, have already scheduled this year's social activities. Theatre parties, ice skating, hay rides, and Neophyte Sing will be the high points of this curriculum.

The main event of interest again will be the traditional Arista-Long-fellow Basketball game, played semi-annually. Arista copped last year's game 39-37.

Rosenman Receives 22 Accolades;
Denenberg Claims Second Place

Last June, the largest Senior Class in Tilden's history graduated at the commencement exercises held at Brooklyn Technical High School.

Martin Rosenman, who delivered the Valedictory Address, led the graduates with 22 accolades including 8 scholarships and 14 awards encompassing different fields of study.

Richard Denenberg placed second, receiving 12 awards which included 6 scholarships and 6 citations in the

fields of Science, Social Studies, Hebrew, and English.

Named to the Honor Plaque were Richard Denenberg, Harvey Kershner, Harvey Nager, and Martin Rosenman. The Honor Plaque is

given to those students who have the most outstanding records in scholarship, character, and service throughout their high school careers.

Journalism awards for outstanding service on *Tilden Topics* were presented to Anita Friedman and Dixie Roberts.

The General Organization medals for perfect attendance and punctual-

ity were given to Arlene Rachansky and David Whitebook.

David Stillman, Erica Karp and Sue Secular received French medals. Hebrew medals were given to Richard Denenberg, Judith Opal, Anita Friedman and Arlene Rachansky. Harvey Nager, Martin Rosenman and Iris Cohen received Spanish honors.

Carol Blatt, Leslie Winston, and Arthur Jacobs received awards in Chorus, Orchestra, and Band.

Doris Brennan, Nancy Lifschitz and Carol Farber were honored in Home Economics as were Eve Feit and Myrna Iser-son in Home Nursing.

New York State Regents Scholarships were given

to: Robert Ackerman, David Bleich, Arthur Borden, Howard Buchwald, Leon Cohn, Stephen Cooperman, Richard Denenberg, Gerard Deutsch, Alan Ehrlich, Neil Ellman, Alan Freeman, Alfred Friedland, Arthur Friedman, Kenneth Gillman, Diana Gosselin, Howard Kaplan, Erica Karp, Jerrold Kaufman, Harvey Kershner, Joel Kupchin, Peter Levine, Stanley Levy, Sharon Litzky, Chrystal Mann, Harvey Nager, Jerold Oshinsky, Arthur Rosen, Eli Rosenberg.



Martin Rosenman

Actors Set Stage
For Term's Agenda

The new officers of the Tilden Drama Guild were introduced September 19, at the organization's first meeting for the fall term. The leaders are: Robert Safirstein, President; Ronnie Goldstein, Vice-President; Laura Singer, Secretary; and Adrienne Rosenberg, Treasurer.

The Thespians announced that they will present a series of skits for the Accounting Department. The players announced "if any department requests the Drama Clubs' services, they will be happy to oblige." On the calendar is the spring play which will be presented annually since the success of last year's "Time Out For Ginger." This year, the club is looking for a musical comedy to produce.

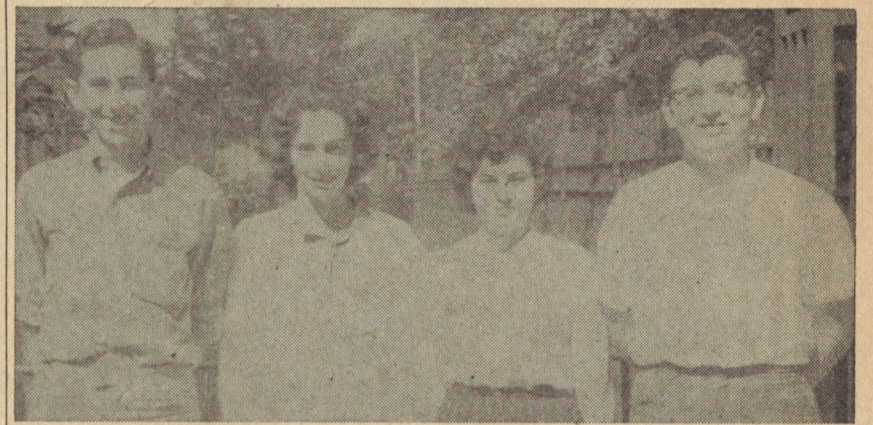
Those students who have an eighth period free on Mondays, and are interested in trying out for the Dramatic Club should see Mrs. Miller in Room 214.

Sing Swings Again

The candidates for officers for this year's Sing were screened September 27th.

The first orientation meeting will be held in Tilden's auditorium at 7:30 P.M. on October 4th, 5th, and 6th, for the sophomores, juniors, and seniors, respectively. The purpose of these meetings will be to elect the leaders and the choral leaders.

Orientation meetings are open only to bona fide students and program cards will be checked. Registration will begin the following week.

Shapiro, Zwerling Manage
'Topics' For Fall Term

Left to right: Zwerling, Rothberg, Shapiro, Safransky.

To head the list of the new *Topics* editors for the fall term Leonard Zwerling and Portia Shapiro, who will fill the head positions of editor-in-chief. Seymour Safransky will be managing editor, and Susan Rothberg his assistant editor. Also, a new faculty advisor has taken the reigns over from Mrs. A. Fisch. He is Mr. Arnold Schwartz, of the English Department.

Leonard, who was managing editor last term, is a member of Arista. Last term's feature editor, Portia Shapiro, is a member of Sing and has served on the staff of *Caravan*. Seymour, last term's news editor, is a member of the Glee Club, a Longfellow, and a participant in Sing. Susan, who also was news editor last term, is a member of Arista, Sing and *Polyglot*.

This term's news editors are Gary Gilbert and Aurora Vitale. Gary is a member of Arista and Aurora is a G.O. representative and a member of the Booster squad.

Feature editors are Robert Kessler and Rhea Lewin. Robert was formerly a member of copy staff and is co-editor of the *Aristonian*. Rhea was last term's associate copy editor. She is also a member of Arista.

This year a new feature will be added to *Topics*. It is the advent of a girl sports editor—the first time in Tilden's history. Jill Considine and Arnold Fleischer will keep the ball rolling this term. Jill is on the staff of *Caravan* and Arnold is a member of Arista. To assist them in their duties are Jay Levy and Robert Silver, associate sports editors.

The new copy editors are Adrienne Rosenberg and Sharon Yellin. Mark Ginsberg is circulation manager and Robert Traum will handle the photography. Anita Locke will be art editor. She was a member of sophomore Sing and is active in the Speaker's Bureau.

Language Chairman
Writes Sixth Book

Dr. Schwartz, chairman of our foreign language department, has just finished his sixth book. It concerns French conversation and it is divided into twenty lessons that have familiar situations of ordinary life. The book is called "Let Us Speak French" and will be ready for Tilden students by next term.

Dr. Schwartz is a City College engineering graduate, and is now teaching French and Spanish. He also knows Italian, Rumanian, German and Hebrew. He says that conversation is not the most important part in the studying of a language it is however, very necessary to know how to express it as well as how to understand it. His book, in his estimation, is not for beginners but rather for students who have had one or two years of French language experience.

Caravan, Polyglot
Plan Annual Issues

Fall is here again, and so are the plans for the latest issue of "Caravan," the English Department publication. Under the supervision of Mr. Everett Kerner, faculty advisor, "Caravan" will carry on its annual tradition combining writing talent (prose and poetry) with real and abstract art work. The magazine will be published in the spring.

Due to the rise in the G.O. dues this year, each student will obtain a copy of "Caravan" gratis. In this way, the English Department hopes to encourage all future writers and poets to submit their material for publication, which may be given to Mr. Kerner in Room 211 anytime during the eighth period, or placed in Mr. Kerner's mailbox.

Winner of the Columbia Press Conference Award last year, this year "Caravan" will have as editor-in-chief Bill Wertheim, and as associate editors Jill Considine and Georgianne Jahelka. The editors predict, along with Mr. Kerner, that this year's issue will be better than ever. So all writers and poets get to work and submit your speciality to Mr. Kerner.

Another school magazine "Polyglot," publication of the Foreign Languages Department, will be published this year, as in the past, under the direction of Dr. Isador Schwartz, Department chairman. Its format will not change, but new and novel features will be added.

All students with talent in writing French, Hebrew or Spanish, or with ability in art or typing, and who want to give their services to "Polyglot," may speak to Dr. Schwartz, Frayda Norflus, editor-in-chief, or any of the other editors: Miriam Engelson, Edwin Goodgold, Jane Gorin, or Sharon Rosenfeld, in Room 101.

Meetings to discuss the new issue of "Polyglot" will begin in October.

From the Principal: IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

My dear students:

How well do you know your city? New York is generally regarded to be one of the five most interesting cities in the world. Yet how many of us who are its lifelong residents know it? I remember, after spending two weeks in Paris, getting into a conversation with a born and bred Parisian. He was amazed by the places I had visited in his native city and confessed that even though he had lived in Paris for more than forty years he had not seen half of the fascinating places I had been to.

Similarly, a resident of New York tends to take its beauty and its treasures for granted. There are boys and girls in our Brooklyn high school today who have never been to Staten Island or Queens and who, for that matter, rarely get into Manhattan. They live their lives in provincial isolation and the pageant of the exciting life of a throbbing city passes them by.

Don't let that happen to you! Resolve for the coming school year to behave like a tourist who is making his first thrilling acquaintance with New York. Use your weekends to explore its majesty, its mystery, its byways and its beauty. Have you ever taken a Staten Island Ferry ride at twilight or in the early evening when the lights of our Gothic skyscrapers sparkle like jewels on the river? If you have not as yet taken a ride along the Belt Parkway, which circumnavigates our city, particularly along the bay, you have a treat in store. How many of our museums have you visited the way a tourist does? Are you acquainted with the treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art or Frank Lloyd Wright's most recent architectural creation, the Guggenheim Museum of Modern Art, or the wondrous Museum of Natural History and its neighbor, the Planetarium?

Do you know that sections of New York exude local color—for instance, Little Italy in lower Manhattan, glowing with many an evening fiesta, or Greenwich Village, which during this part of the year is literally ablaze with color for every corner becomes a miniature art gallery? Or to take another facet of what our city has to offer, do you get to see a Broadway play or a concert at Carnegie Hall or a ballet at the City Center?

Don't think it's corny to visit places of local interest. The truly corny thing to do is to stay cooped up on your street corner. Have the courage to keep priming your curiosity pump. And the best place to begin is right at home. You will be amazed to learn that most of us are living like beggars sitting on a mound of gold.

Cordially yours,
Abraham Margolies
Principal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I think students might be treated to something different. Obviously the feeling is that a co-ed cafeteria would result in a behavior problem.

Now think of it this way. If students ate together there would be a great improvement in table manners, a decrease in boisterous behavior, and fewer students would be spending entire lunch periods on the candy lines. As a member of the student body I believe in a coeducational cafeteria.

Why must we have this segregation of sexes? For the most part, Tildenites are mature people. Perhaps the school might give us a chance to prove it?

Yours truly,
A Tilden Student



Donna Strikes Tilden; Tildenites Strike Back

Editor's Note: The following was found floating in a bottle down Tilden Avenue last September 12.

A young lady has decided to seek admission to Tilden. Now the average enterprising student usually waits a week or so before desiring that his Chemistry room evaporate in a misguided experiment or that her Geometry II class trisect an angle, therefore causing its reason for existence to cease. Our young lady desired to fulfill the combined wishes of the entire student body. She made a gallant attempt to blow the whole school down.

Hurricane Donna, as the student is known to her acquaintances, (her friends call her Windy) did not encounter faint hearts in her attempt to enter Tilden. Brave men were needed for the greatest attempt at resistance since bacteria met Louis Pasteur. Therefore the sophs were given a day off. Everybody agreed that the Board of Education was generous in giving them an extra summer day to go to the beach.

An Uninvited Guest Roars at Graduation

A bird's eye view of the event of year was recorded for posterity. This incident will now be shared with those not present at Tilden's one in a million graduation. With apologies to Clement Moore:

'Twas the night of graduation,
When all through the house
Not a sound could be heard
But the roar of a mouse.
The senior girls, startled,
All sprang to their feet
Avoiding a mouse
Who was perched on a seat.
Caps and gowns went a-flying
Up in the air
Yet the four-legged fellow
Did not seem to care
Frightened and frenzied the
girls ran and romped
Into each other the females stomped
Many a boy had a grin
on his face,
As he watched growing chaos
envelop the place.
Hundreds of guests looked on
very shocked
As the screams, squeals, and shouts
made the old building rock.
Finally order came to the house
But too late
Again came the roar of the mouse.

Meanwhile, back at the school (as they say in "Easterns") a staff meeting was held. On the theory that the cold air of a hurricane would be counteracted by hot air, the debating society was ordered to recite the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." They had finished, and were working on *Britannica* (vol. 6) when their voices gave out.

Their voices however were enough to melt the years supply of candy bars laid in for emergencies. Six students were washed away in a gooey flood.

Somebody attempted to escape in one of those new 16 oz. cola bottles. There were fallen trees to the right of him, power cables to the left of him, but into the valley of 59th street he went. You see, this message was broadcast, "Don't fear students, the editors of *Topics* are with you. We will fight out the storm together. Thank you. This has been a recorded message." *R.K.*

Murals Adorn Auditorium Walls, Depicting Civilization's Progress

With all the fascinating assembly programs to be seen on stage, have any of you noticed the unique murals in the auditorium? Take a look at them next Wednesday, for hidden behind their intriguing scenes lies an interesting tale.

Way back in the "middle ages," the 1930's, when people in our country were not rushing to get to work anymore, the New Deal was incorporated and a Work Progress Administration was set up to fight the depression by finding people jobs. Its work was rewarded when, in 1935, many artists began on what was later to be the really beautiful and captivating pieces of art work in our auditorium.

The pictures themselves, painted in oil, depict an unusual theme—The Rise of Civilization. They take you on a long journey from the most memorable event in the caveman's day, the discovery of fire, through the awakening of knowledge and culture, and bring you to the beginnings of automation.

After twenty-five years of enhancing the auditorium, the murals began

to fray at the edges, some becoming ragged and decrepit. Coming to the rescue was Mr. Morris Kronfeld, Tilden's inspiring art instructor whose works have appeared in the Brooklyn Arts Gallery.



Above is Mr. Kronfeld and behind him a mural depicting a primitive method of grinding wheat.

In the words of Mr. Margolies, he is "a fine artist and an excellent muralist." During last year, he repainted parts, replaced torn pieces and made them "good as new."

Mr. Gallup Arrives; Seeks Whole Truth

What do you do when you want to find out how many fig newtons your fellow man eats? You take a survey. Following this general line of reason, the economics and world history classes have taken a survey. Though not divulging the amount of cookies consumed by the average student, it has revealed many interesting facets of the average Tildenite's existence.

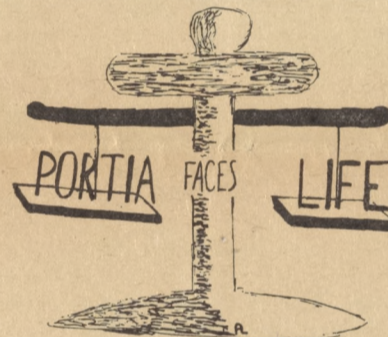
One aspect of the survey dealt with the subjects most liked by Tilden students. After lunch and study, (these answers, however, were disregarded as showing a lack of school spirit) most students preferred major art, history and biology.

Next we come to the subject dearest to the hearts of all students taking H.I.B. Girls, 70% of them, for some reason beyond human ken, find themselves prejudiced against dutch date. This seems to show that 30% of the girls in Tilden are very rich.

Almost all students want a co-ed cafeteria. Among the seniors, 43%, belong to fr, er shall we say social clubs.

More than one third of the seniors support the tobacco industry.

When it comes to matters of money, (and what really matters more?) 58% of the students depend on their parents. The average Tildenite receives a monthly dole of six dollars. However, one well-dressed soul reported to take of twenty-five dollars a week from his mater and pater. Most of the students plan to go on to college. The majority of the pupils polled were against surveys.



By Portia Shapiro

Portia's facing life and what a wonderful, wild, and whacky one it is. Now may I introduce myself, I am Portia—a real honest to goodness eighth term, senior . . . and along with my newly acquired status I have been elevated to the position of a free lance diplomat.

Seeing that the madcap country of the Bongo, in deepest Africa needed the aid of my diplomatic services I immediately rushed to the rescue. Hopping on my jet propelled rice krispies box I scooted down to the sweltering jungle. Fear not—I survived the trek through that tropical maze. Four years ago, I took my basic training course in jungle survival in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's greenhouse.

When I arrived in that chaotic country I met Mr. Kassabuvu and his clashing rival postal clerk, Lollymumba. Both men repeatedly fired each other. However, neither man relinquished the title of boss. I then intervened suggesting we choose the American way, the odd finger out is it. "One, two, three, shoot—the odd finger out is boss," I said. Finally, the argument was settled. I was the odd finger out. Since the atmosphere was one of extreme discontentment, and spears were flying in my direction, I decided to head for home on my pogo stick.

Once in New York I proceeded to the conclave where I served as advisor and interpreter to that bearded boy scout, Fiddle Casteroil, and that grand-pappy of the happy commissars, Nikki Krushi. Both men embraced as I translated their greeting words.

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By Seymour Safransky

Someone once said that the best things in life are free . . . and keeping this time-honored expression in mind, yours truly has collected a number of colorful and entertaining New York diversions that are open to the public at no charge.

Be A Theatre Critic . . . Originals and one-actors by George Bernard Shaw, Tennessee Williams and others are discussed following performances. Saturdays 8:30 P.M., at Dr. Saul Colin's Dramatic Workshop, 1639 Broadway, New York 19.

. . . If Not The Theatre, How About TV? . . . Souvenirs and prizes are the rewards for audience participation in Scherwin Research's continuing evaluation of prospective TV shows—*New Shows for 1961*. For ticket requests write: 10th floor, 270 Madison Avenue, New York 16.

Are You Looking For A Hobby With A New Twist? Try Yoga . . . Were you ever interested in learning something about Yoga, breath control, spiritual healing as expounded by a true Hindu teacher? If so, Yoga Institute, 50 East 81st Street, New York 28, is the place for you. Lectures, Thursday and Sunday, 8:30 P.M. Happy meditating!

. . . He Flew Through The Air With The Greatest Of Ease . . . Curtiss-Wright shows its line of products and screens a trial run of its new two-passenger air-car. The "Bee" travels on a cushion of low-pressure, low velocity air over water, mud, swamps with neither wings nor wheels. See it for yourself at the free exhibits conducted daily until 9:00 P.M. at 61 West 49th Street in Manhattan.

IBM's Gallery of Arts and Sciences . . . 16 East 57th Street, New York 22, offers free and education-packed, continuing exhibits, 9:30-5:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. *Grandma Moses' 100th Birthday Show*, September 7th to October 6th; *Metropolitan Camera Club*, October 10th-29th; contemporary American prints, November 7th-26th. Also visit next door and see IBM's mammoth mathematical machines which will do everything for you but your homework (aw, shucks).

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ON THE SIDELINES

with
Jill Considine
and
Arnold Fleischer



You're all used to seeing new faces above this column at the beginning of each year, but this time, we've pulled a little surprise. No longer, you see, will only a single cut adorn our space, for now there are two of us *on the sidelines*.

With a Little Bit of Luck

Once again Tilden's athletes are returning to the playfields. On the gridiron, the members of the football team have been preparing for one of their hardest seasons in the realigned leagues. All the Brooklyn teams are now in a single division, putting Tilden up against the best teams in the city. Nevertheless, Coaches Mars and Adler hope for a good showing by the *Blue Devils*. Perhaps with a little bit of luck, we can at least match last season's Brooklyn championship.

... We Can Win

Although the football squad is in excellent shape and prospects are bright, it can't go anywhere without the solid backing of our entire student body. This is a point that we can never overemphasize. You certainly can't deny that the appearance of many loyal Tildenites at the crucial Midwood game last year, despite rain and cold, helped the *Blue Devils* win the game and Brooklyn title. So how about getting out to all the games you can and cheering with all you've got to spark the boys on to victory! Remember, the cheerleaders can't do it alone.

See You on T.V.

As most of you already know, Tilden's gridders will be on television for the third time in two seasons. On Saturday, October 8, the *Blue Devils* will face Boys High here, at Tilden Field, in a game which will be broadcast over WABC—Channel 7. This is an indication of the high regard others have for our play. It's a great honor for the school, so let's have an especially large turnout this time. There's still nothing like seeing the game and enjoying all the action in person.

Best Foot Forward

Tilden's coed dance classes, under the direction of Dr. Greene, will present their annual "extravaganza" later this term. This performance promises to be bigger and better than ever. A wide program of folk, square, round, and ballroom dances will be presented. Dr. Greene is hoping to put on specialty numbers for students with a flair for ballet, interpretative jazz, and modern dance. Any one having special training in these fields should see Dr. Greene in the boys' health education office during the official and eighth periods any day, or in the boys' corrective gym during the third and fourth periods. The dance group hopes again to appear on television this year. During the past four to five years, they have been seen on TV fifteen times and have brought much widespread acclaim to Tilden.

Thanks

We would like to take some space here in order to give our heartfelt "Thanks," in behalf of all the students, to all of our fine coaches. These men have guided their boys along in Tilden's proud athletic tradition, bolstering and improving our records every year. Hats off to Mr. Mars and Mr. Adler, football; Mr. Gold, basketball; Mr. De Fronzo, swimming; Mr. Solomon, track and field; Mr. O'Shea, tennis; Mr. Ginsberg, bowling and for his twenty-fourth year, baseball; and, again, Mr. Adler, at handball, for doing such marvelous jobs.

Touchdown Talk

"The team has very good potential and much more depth than ever, and has a good chance to take the City title." These were the words of Tilden's fine quarterback and end, Jay Kranis, when asked to predict the fortunes of the 1960 football team.

Jay, one of the most valuable performers on the squad because of his tremendous versatility and skill, is a veteran of two seasons of the *Blue Devils*. Last year, he was used exclusively as an end, but this season, Jay has been shifted to quarterback because the team lacks experienced play callers. He has also, on occasion, been switched back to end in practices. Where he will start on opening day against Erasmus is anybody's guess, but, as of now, it appears that it will be at quarterback.

Jay is one of those rare athletes who combine athletic prowess and proficiency with scholastic ability. The 5'8½", 160 lb. senior has an overall average of close to 90% and is a member of the school's honor society, Arista. Next fall, he plans to attend one of the city's municipal colleges, probably Brooklyn.

As an end for the *Marsmen* last season, Jay was outstanding in the

clutch, both on offense and defense. He caught a touchdown pass in the Madison game, which Tilden won, 44-18, and, in one of the year's most crucial encounters, against Midwood for the Brooklyn title, he recovered a Midwood fumble from his defensive end position to set up the first *Blue Devil* score. Later on, he caught a twenty-nine yard touchdown pass from Bruce Rubin to increase Tilden's lead to 22-6. This play sewed up the game and gave the gridders an eventual 28-14 victory.



Jay also said that there would be no pushover during the season in league play. He felt that Tilden would probably battle it out with Brooklyn Tech for the division title. Of the clubs that Tilden will face in the league games (which don't include Tech), Jay felt the main competition would come from Boys High, Jefferson, and Midwood, but he still thought the club has a fine chance to go all the way.

Wherever Coaches Mars and Adler decide to station Jay during the present season, be it quarterback or end, you can be certain that he will be doing an outstanding job.

Cross-Country Season Begins

"On Your Mark!" "Get Set!" "Go!", and the Tilden Cross Country Team is off to a new season. Under the direction of their faculty advisor, Mr. Joseph Solomon, the team should embark on a season of glory and fame.

The team is built around its capable and skillful captains, Jim Bisbee and Fred Nocella. Jim and Fred placed very well in last year's meets and hope to maintain the same fine record for Tilden this year. In addition to these two, we are looking forward to fine performances from Bob Cope, Joe Bonica, Frank Ribaud, and John Donnelly. Also, Stan Slotnick, Joe Barrona, Tony Foresta, and Anthony Angelo are expected to show up well in this year's meets. Mark Mariaskin, Bob Berger, Paul Golub, Fred Israelite, and Paul Kleinberg represent the rest of the Tilden Cross-Country Team for the 1960-61 season, a cross-country race in which these boys will compete, a two and a half mile run through valleys and over hills. The meets will occur in Van Cortlandt Park.

Despite losing many good men from last year, including former captains Ed Strong, and Jerry Goldstein, Richard Donnelly, and team regulars Jeff Logan, Lenny Marcus, and Louis Schwartz, the team has shown fine spirit and ambition in the preliminary workouts. The team is striving very hard to get in shape to maintain the excellent record it has had in past years. They have lost only one duel meet in five years of participation.

The first competition of the season is the St. John's meet. The next meet on the schedule is the Fordham University cross-country meet. The next meet on the schedule is the Flatbush Championships. If we do well, the Brooklyn Championships are in store for our team. The City Championships will follow, providing our team can measure up to the difficult atenearas.

Cross Country is a hard and tiring race. It requires a great deal of practice and breath support. So if you happen to see exhausted but happy young men run by, you know he represents the Tilden Cross Country Team.

Racquetmen In Fall Competition

For the first time, the P.S.A.L. is conducting interschool competition in tennis during both the fall and spring. The Tilden tennis team, hoping to improve on last season's 2-5 record and fifth place finish, began practice on September 15 at the College Courts, Foster Avenue and Kings Highway.

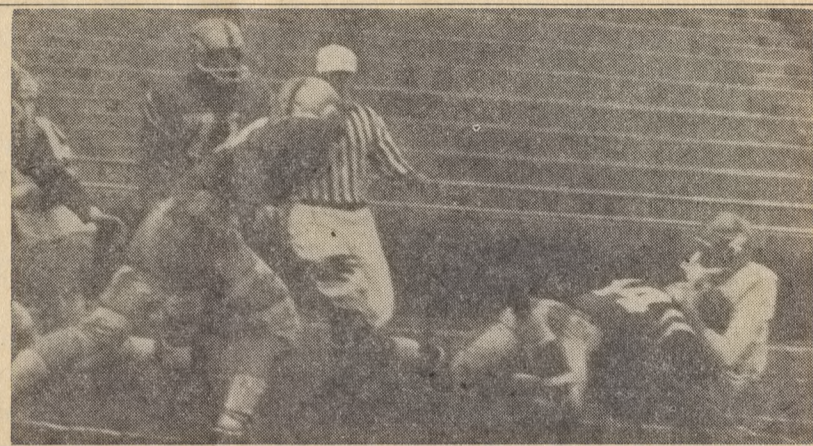
The tennis team lost four members of the starting lineup at graduation last June, including first singles player and captain, Marty Rosenman, Peter Levine, Matty Dollinger, and second singles mainstay, Dennis Singer. Four other players are returning for their second year, however. These boys are junior Stu Medow, last year's third singles competitor, and seniors Lewis Coopersmith, Arnold Fleischer, and Bill Wertheim. Coach Jack O'Shea hopes for a large turnout at all the practice sessions, in order to fill the open positions.

The *Racquetmen* are slated to play seven tennis meets this season. Every meet consists of three singles matches and two doubles contests, each match having a maximum of three sets. The victor in two out of three takes his individual match. In addition, the meets are scored on a basis of five points, with each match worth one point.

Gridders Open Season With Outlook Bright

For the second year in succession, coaches Bernie Mars and Murray Adler of the Tilden Football Team have their eyes set on copping a P.S.A.L. Football Title.

Last year, as most Tildenites know, the *Blue Devils* advanced to the finals of the City Championship, led by the incomparable Ronnie Bley, before losing to New Dorp. This year, coaches Mars and Adler are intent on reversing the score.



There has been a drastic re-alignment of the P.S.A.L. loops this season. As compared to the last campaign, when there were four divisions, this season there will be only two in operation. All the teams in Brooklyn have been merged into Division II, while the remaining teams from Staten Island, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan make up Division I. Division II is by far the stronger of the two leagues, and at the end of the campaign, the winner from our loop will meet the victor of the opposing section. The squads that make up Division II, in addition to Tilden, include Boys High, Brooklyn Tech, Erasmus, Jefferson, John Jay, Lafayette, Lincoln, Madison, Midwood, and New Utrecht.

During the league competition, Tilden will meet only the squads they faced last season in winning the Brooklyn title. They include, in order of how they will be played, Erasmus—Sept. 30, whom the *Blue Devils* beat 30-14; Boys—Oct. 8, who upset the gridders 24-22; John Jay—Oct. 15,

Swimmers Set For New Season

The Tilden swimming season has begun again. The *Mermen* held their first team practice on Thursday, September 15. Coached by Mr. Anthony De Fronzo, in his fourteen years on the job, the team is looking forward to a winning season.

The squad is practicing very hard so that they will be able to maintain the fine record of last year. Placing second in the district, right behind Brooklyn Tech, the *Mermen* had a wonderful year. Besides defeating New Utrecht, Hamilton, Brooklyn Automotive, and Erasmus, the mighty *Mermen* overwhelmed Jefferson. Despite the fact that many good men on the team have graduated, the team is being trained and helped so they can once again bring back the honors to Tilden.

Here is the lineup of the 1960-61 swimming team: Eddie Morgano—backstroke and freestyle, Kenny Strum—freestyle and, possibly diving, Tommy Garcia—freestyle, Bob Malenandive, Richard Rothbard—freestyle, Joey Rost—freestyle, and Jimmy O'Brian, Bob Broderick, and Bruce Bobstein—all freestyle.

Tryouts for the team have been held for the late session students during the third period, and for the early session students during the ninth period on Thursdays. If you want to develop into a good swimmer and win fame on the team, Coach De Fronzo urges you to try out.

We hope to see more students at the swimming meets, and we are certain you will find it very entertaining to see the boys on the team splash madly about to get into the pool first.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Fri.,	Sept. 30	Erasmus
Sat.,	Oct. 8	Boys' High*
Sat.,	Oct. 15	John Jay
Sat.,	Nov. 5	Midwood
Sat.,	Nov. 12	Madison
Thur.,	Nov. 24	Jefferson

*This game will be televised.

whom the *Marsmen* blanked, 28-0; Midwood, Nov. 2, who fell victim to the *Blue Devils*, 28-14, in the Division championship game; Madison—Nov. 12, whom Tilden crushed, 44-18; and Jefferson—Nov. 24, who did not meet the gridders in league play last season. The championship game in all probabilities, will be played in the first week of December, on a Saturday, Dec. 3.

Of course, the team is loaded with talent. The marvelous Mr. Bley is back to head a powerful backfield contingent. Ronnie, who had a brilliant season as a junior, should have an even more productive one this year, if that's possible. Last season, Ron scored 104 points almost single-handedly leading Tilden to the finals. For his efforts, he was named to Scholastic Magazine's All America squad.

This year, however, Ron is being shifted from fullback to leftback to make room for a newcomer, Willie Bright. Rounding out the starting backfield should be Nick Ucci, at right half, and Jay Kranis, a converted end, at quarterback. Other backfield performers include Rick Besmanoff, Al Brumel, Mike Elman, Richie Garcia, Barry Greenberg, Steve Small, and Morty Stahl, to name a few.

The line is one of the strongest and toughest Tilden has had in years. George Pena, a possible All-City, has made a sparkling comeback after suffering a broken leg in the Erasmus game of 1959. He will be the starting left tackle. Other staring players on the offensive and defensive line are Charlie Bridges. Barry Kraft, Steve Mendelsohn, Neil Rashkin, Harvey Rubin, Al Sachs, Tony Scarfone, Marty Senall, Roger Tepperman, Al Weitz, and a new comer from Florida, Mel Harris. In addition to these boys, bidding for starting births are: Barry Bernstein, Jeff Bruckenstein, Carl Johnson, Bill Forester, Mitch Leventhal, Mike Mansdorf, Mitch Katz, and Arnie Said.

This looks like one of the top football teams ever assembled at Tilden. Coaches Mars and Adler feel that they just might have the personnel and manpower to take the City Championship.



INSIDE TILDEN

A. Smernoff



By Susan Rothberg and Leonard Zwerling

*Il est bon d'avoir deux cordes a son arc
It is well to have two strings to one bow*

Philosophically speaking, we have come to an avowed decision that two people can accomplish the task of one person in half the time. This statement would ordinarily be true, but here in Tilden, all evidently acceptable truths are contradicted.

We, the authors, have decided to rewrite this axiom as to read: "Two people cannot accomplish any task assigned to them in the time allotted them under any circumstances!"

In accordance with our beliefs, we would like to give you a brief description of ourselves. In this corner we have Lenny Zwerling, a distinct individualist and freethinker. In his attempts at non-conformity, he has succeeded in conforming to every established rule and is now attempting to conform you, the readers, into believing that he is still an individualist.

In the opposite corner we have Susan Rothberg, witty, cynical, and altruistic. She too is somewhat of an individualist who has proven conclusively that "the right policy is not always the best policy, individuality is the best policy." From the above introduction you might think that, with our previous backgrounds, this column would be a snap to write. But instead, we sit, knee-deep in crumpled papers, disregarded ideas, used candy wrappers, and empty Milltown boxes trying to kindle the spark of an idea for our column, while the spectre of past editors of this column returns to haunt us.

Therefore, before we lose our courage, we would like to begin right now, and let you know what's happening.

Inside Tilden

Now that we're inside, let's have a look around, which is very hard to do considering the congestion in the halls. There are more freshmen and sophomores than ever, and they all seem to be going the wrong way. The staff of this publication has been eating squashed food for a week because of the need for a flying wedge formation to get from room to room. It is so crowded here that the speech clinics during periods 4, 5, and 6 are now using the library alcove, a physics room, and even the teacher's rest room—Room 319. Attention teachers! Anytime you want to rest, and would like stimulation as well, try the *Topics* office, Room 118. We'll try to oblige.

Best Wishes

Speaking of the faculty, it is our most pleasant task to congratulate the head of the Speech Department, Dr. Sol Berlin, on receiving his Ph.D. Wonder who'll be next?

It is also our pleasure to offer our felicitations to the new Mrs. Herbert Miller of the Speech Department. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Patricia Schneck, who was married in June.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Lerner of the Social Studies Department who has passed his bar exams. Unfortunately, he is now on leave and isn't on

hand to take his due congratulations. How will we ever console his students (females especially)?

Lastly, congratulations are offered to Joyce Ballet and Pearl Cohen for their performances on the Secretarial Studies Regents. Both girls received 1000—we hear it was a tough test, so please share your secret of success with us poor Regents takers.

So For For A While

Tilden's so great that I don't know how anyone can bear to leave, and yet, this term Mr. Benov and Mr. Stambler, both of the English Department, are on leave. We hope you'll return soon. It's not fair to leave Tilden to the rest of us.

Hey Longfellows!

Hey boys! You big, tall, brainy ones, that is! The Longfellow Society is seeking new members. You must be a junior, 5'11", and have an overall average of 75% to be eligible. Why be jealous of those white-shirted, red-tied candidates? Anyone who is interested in joining should see Mr. Stracter now.

Big Plans

Mr. Dick's Radio and T.V. Class is planning to visit the C.B.S. studio in New York this term. Furthermore, the Drama 22 class plans to see "She Stoops to Conquer," at the Phoenix. With all the crowded classes in the school these classes have less than 20 students—everyone should join!

Scholarships

Gather ye brains o' ye seniors for Scholarship Time is here. Applications have been filed for the New York State Regents Scholarships; Engineering and Science; Cornell University; and Nursing Scholarships. Also, applications are on file for those students who are Tilden Arista members, for the National Honor Society Scholarships.

30-30-30

Here we are running into verbosity so we'd better stop before it's too late. Before signing off, we want to congratulate you for getting this far, and apologize to the former authors of this column for having ruined it with our individualism.

School is closing, the 12th period bell has rung, unless we wished to be locked in for the night, we must leave. See you next issue *Inside Tilden*.

Teaching Body Swells Ranks

Samuel J. Tilden will be infused with new blood this term. Our faculty is growing as teachers new to Tilden and familiar faces are seen at the head of our classes. Mr. Carl Young and Mrs. Ann Spendell are additions to the Biology department.

The English department's new members are Mrs. Natalie Israel, Mrs. Rueben Revlin, Mrs. Rose Sanitz, and Mrs. Marcia Tobias.

The Health Department sees Mrs. E. Cohen who was with us for a while back again.

The department of Language grows as Mr. Robert Leder and Miss Paula Lipkin become members. Mrs. Ethel Engelson now begins teaching French on a permanent basis.

Coming to our library staff from Wilson High School is Mrs. Mildred Jacobs, while in fair exchange, Mr. Foley, our ex-librarian, leaves for Wilson.

Mr. Martin Friedman and Mr. Harold Englesohn, both ex-Tilden students, will return to entirely different positions—in the Mathematics department. Mr. Marcus Blackman will also teach mathematics. Mr. D'Orlando will not be with our math department this term.

Mr. Myron Pikes, Mr. Maurice Tandler and Mr. B. Jacobowitz, who have been with us as substitutes, receive stations as permanent members of our History Department and Mrs. Lyndin Butchers comes to substitute. Mrs. Adele Koslovsky return to her Social Studies classes after a brief period of absence.

Mrs. Charlotte Ment returns to the Speech Department.

Mrs. Fannie Glixman extends her activities this term to include guidance work, while she continues instruction English.

Although the Art Department has no new faculty members, it too is expanding as it adds to its curriculum a course in Interior Decorating.

These additions to our teaching body will promote a growth both in the range of subjects that may be taught in Tilden, and in the subject matter that may be taught in each class.

Portia

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Castroil said, "Como esta Vd., mi amigo? (how are you my friend?). Krushi then replied, "strasveecha comrad" (hello friend). I then advised that both men exchange gifts as a peace offering. Whereupon Nikki presented Fiddle with a safety razor, and in return Fiddle gave Nikki a bottle of hair restorer. Sensing that my presence was no longer needed I zoomed back to Tilden.

P.S. After persuasion, from all quarters, I finally gave up my life as a free lance diplomat.

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Freshman, Sophomores Sound Off In Exclusive 'Topics' Interviews



"Freshman Lineup"

"The Freshman crew is lost in Tilden H.S."

This year there are many more freshmen and new sophomores in Tilden than ever before. They can be seen in the largest number during the 7th, 8th, and 9th periods. Many were very bewildered by their entrance into a senior high school and were seen wandering helplessly around the corridors until some kind senior took them under tow. However, for the most part, they think quite highly of Tilden.

Tilden Topics undertook to interview various members of the fresh. and new soph. classes and most of those stopped were obliging.

Nancy Tobias, G1, thinks that "Tilden is a nice school, but there is too much trouble in the halls."

Robert Breves, F1, thinks that not only is Tilden a good school but it has good teachers as well.

Sophomores were a little more critical and were not quite so enthusiastic. Robert Blank, A31, holds that "school's O.K." while both Mike Yudar, A31, and Anne Luttone both agree the traffic situation in the halls is dreadful and there should be more supervision. Keeping in with the "crowded" vein, Stuart Madel feels the cafeteria is overcrowded.

Paul Irgang, also of A31 feels that, "Tilden offers a challenge" and that students should try to do their best.

Theo. Lang Sponsors Thesis Competition

The "Role of a Merit System in Democracy," is the topic for an essay contest announced by Theodore H. Lang, Acting City Personnel Director. Prizes of \$1,500 will be awarded to third and fourth year New York City public and parochial high school students submitting the best papers.

In the competition, open to fourth year students, prizes in bonds worth \$500, \$200, \$150, \$100 will be awarded to the writers of the four best essays and to the four winners in the third year competition, bonds worth \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50 will be granted. The students who do not win prizes but whose essays are chosen as the best in their categories from their schools will receive Certificates of Merit.

A committee of Judges appointed by the City Personnel Director will select the prize-winning essays.

The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony no later than December 22, 1960 at City Hall. At this same ceremony, special citations will be presented to the school of the prize winners.

Judi Reif, A31, says that Tilden is "very big" and while she's not pleased with all her teachers, agrees that most of them are O.K. She likes the library very much though.

Ronnie Tursky, J3, agrees that Tilden is "much nicer than J.H.S.," that "you're more on your own" and though the cafeteria is overcrowded, the food is O.K.

Ina Jane Johnson, E3, likes Tilden because of its high standards. She also thinks our Glee Club is very good. Judi Grunin, B30, agrees with Judi, that the teachers are O.K. but feels that the school is overcrowded. Both Bertha Judson, C3, Linda Eisner, D30, and Anne Grabczak, A1, all agree that Tilden is an "O.K. school."

Michael Reingold, R3, says that the teachers are very strict, that the cafeteria food is all right as compared with that of junior high school, and that Tilden is a tremendous school. Disagreeing with Michael, Harvey Weiner, H1, feels that the food is very flat and tasteless, but agrees with him in that the teachers are strict. Morton Alexander, N3, feels that "Tilden is not as bad as I thought it would be and I'm not as scared as I was, furthermore, I didn't get lost once."

Many sophomores and freshman when asked their opinion were afraid to give it. We hope they will soon overcome their fear and become accustomed to Tilden.

To quote one of our seniors, "Tilden's great, well maybe O.K., it's not really that bad, eh!"

Susan Rothberg

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